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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to recommend strict and specific controls governing the categorization of children's TV. It is amazing to me that we need to "explain" to those who are producing children's programming that what is currently being produced is not acceptable.

I question the mentality of those involved. A quote from Channel 9's Timmerman,

"We are all smart people. We'll do what they want -- once they tell us what they're looking for".

Why, may I ask, if these people are so smart does it take a mandate from "above" to tell them what is appropriate for children. Why do we have to explain about the negative effects of the majority of television on our children. I am certain that any "smart" person could figure out that most of what is aired under the auspices of children's TV is Junk! To have categorized Phil Donahue's program "PARENTS WHO LET THEIR CHILDREN HAVE SEX AT HOME" as children's TV brings many questions to my mind. Do they not realize that what is categorized as children's educational TV is as important as many other aspects of children's education, that the education of our children is beneficial to all of society "not only" children.

Please be clear and specific and point the way to wholesome and educational television standards for children's TV. Possible considerations of criteria:

- Specific time requirement

~~only programming aired within an allotted time could be~~